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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

**Telephone Connection in Bihar and
Orissa**

(c) if not, the reasons for delay?

5321. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK.
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given on December 9, 1991 to Unstarred Question No 2938 and state

(a) whether the said information has since been collected,

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). Yes Sir. Information in respect of Orissa and Bihar Telecom. Circles as per Statement-I & II respectively is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT-I

(A) Number of Telephone Connections Sanctioned/Provided on Priority Basis in Orissa during the Period

Period	Sanctioned	Provided
14 87 to 31.3.88	26	26
14 88 to 31.3.89	319	290
14 89 to 31.3.90	576	486
14 90 to 30.11.91	34	34
Total	905	836

Provision of Remaining 69 Connections is pending as the parties have not so far Registered their demands

(b) The number of persons on waiting list as on

Period	Total
31.3.1988	6,412
31.3.1989	5,559
31.3.1990	4,744
30.11.1991	6,720

(c) About 30% of the waiting list is likely to be cleared by March 1992 and the rest are likely to be cleared by the next financial year 1992-93 subject to availability of equipment.

STATEMENT-II

(A) Number of Telephone Connections Sanctioned/Provided on Priority Basis in Bihar during the Period-

Period	Sanctioned	Provided
1.4.87 to 31.3.88	20	20
1.4.88 to 31.3.89	23	23
1.4.89 to 31.3.90	36	36
1.4.90 to 30.11.91	400	400
Total	479	479

(B) The Number of Persons on waiting list as on-

Period	Total
31.3.1988	10,468
31.3.1989	10,067
31.3.1990	12,953
30.11.1991	22,288

(C) About 19,000 Telephone Connections are likely to be provided by March 1992.

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posed to be taken in this regard; and

Reservation Facilities in Air India and Indian Airlines

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the number of flights by Air India both within and outside the country?

5322. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). There is adequate capacity on domestic as well as international sectors. There could be certain flights at certain times of the year which may be over-booked. Air India is presently not in a position to mount additional flights owing to capacity constraints.

(a) whether passengers are experiencing difficulties in getting the reservation in Air India and Indian Airlines on account of heavy rush;

(b) if so, the remedial measures pro-